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1. During the first week in June 1949, 3,000 new troops led by Colonel Sarkarov moved into Strausberg (VI3), bringing total strength to approximately 5,000 men.
 2. During the same period, 150 Soviet families arrived in Strausberg from Berlin.
 3. The airfield is being expanded. New boundaries are not fixed, but the hospital and a civilian housing development will be included within its borders. Judging from the troop influx, source believes that Wernuchen airfield may be closing down and its personnel and aircraft shifted to Strausberg. Up to 11 June, 100 fighters had arrived, including some jets. Some of the officers have been recognized as having been stationed in Strausberg about a year ago.
 4. Carpenters have been brought from Berlin to build administrative buildings and trees are being felled on both sides of the Prützelor Chaussee. At a later date, trees are to be cleared up to and within the Wilkendorfer Forst.
 5. A penal battalion of 500 men in Strausberg is commanded by Colonel Kasakov.
 6. The Soviet female students who earlier occupied the Landesjugendheim have all departed for Lichtenberg or Dresden. New female arrivals at this school do not wear uniforms, are poorly dressed, and generally render a poor impression.

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